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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

On February 4th, 2010 Officers went to the 3900 block of Barrington to assist federal agents serve 2 search warrants. Officers were serving search warrants for possession of stolen items and felon in possession of a firearm. Officers made entry into the home and encountered three suspects. One suspect (a female) was encountered and was taken into custody without incident. Two other suspects (males) were found in a bedroom and were ordered to the floor by the officer. One of those suspects immediately complied with the officer's commands. The second suspect in this bedroom refused to comply with the officer's commands to get down and to show his hands. This suspect crouched down and reached under a mattress that was on the floor. The officer repeatedly ordered the suspect to show his hands. The suspect refused and instead sprung up in an abrupt and aggressive manner. The officer then fired one round from his duty weapon striking the suspect in the hip area. The suspect then jumped out of the second story window to the ground below. The suspect ran a short distance and then collapsed. The suspect was transported by EMS to a local hospital where he died. The other two suspects were taken into custody and transported for questioning. The suspect listed on the search warrant was not found in the apartment at the time that officers executed the search warrant. Property sought in the search warrant was found in the apartment (drugs, handgun, and materials for manufacturing methamphetamine).

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol Detective Bryan Baldwin, a 12 year veteran of the department, will be placed on administrative duty.

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